

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-31 are currently pending.

Rejection of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kawan (U.S.P. No. 5,796,832)

Independent claim 1 has been amended to further recite: a) the wireless communications interface comprises a second means for wirelessly transmitting and receiving data operatively and *securely coupled with PKI encryption* to a first means of at least one user interface terminal; and b) the communication interface is coupled to the host system through a firewall at the host system. Support for the above amendment can be found in at least page lines +14, page 16 of the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that Kawan does not specifically disclose such PKI encryption or firewall protection at the host system. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-31 are allowable over the references of record.

Conclusion

For at least all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the references of record, and the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the references of record. Accordingly,

reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited upon the filing of a continuation.

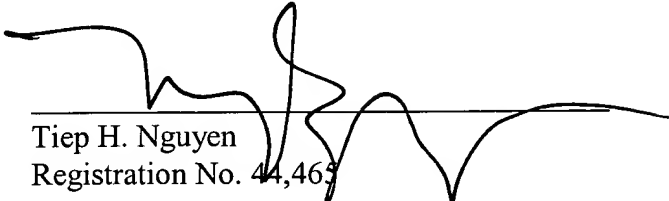
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